from the State of Kerala for the sanction of Gas Agencies and Petrol/Diesel Pumps to the Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation; and

(b) if so, the Union Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the existing policy, State owned/controlled Corporations are eligible to apply in response to advertisements under 'Open' category. The criteria relating to income, residence and multiple dealership norms are not applicable to them. State Government has been advised in the matter accordingly to apply against advertisements.

NCR Finance Corporation

1680. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an NCR Finance Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Water Supply and Sanitation

1681. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Assam submitted proposals to Union Government for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation schemes for financial assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Union Government to that effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details of the schemes received from the State Government of Assam and their present status are given in the enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

S. No.	Name of Project	No. of Schemes	No.of Habit-ations	Estimated cost (Rs. in lakh)	Date of receipt	Status of project
Aasam						
1.	Schemes for coverage of no source SC/ST habitations	1	5668	Rs. 2400.00	28.2.95	State Govt. was requested to furnish information on Action Plan status of habitation and water quality data to justify the installation of Iron Removal plants. The information is still awaited.
2.	Project for W/S scheme in Excess iron areas of Wazira and Charaideo Civil sub div. of Sibsagar Distt.	1	82	Rs. 94.59 Lakh	13.2.96	Scheme is under examination.

[Translation]

Industries under R.D.P.

1682. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the number of Women benefited in Uttar Pradesh through Rural Development Programmes and the percentage of the down-trodden out of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : During the year [illegible]-96 the number of women benefited in Uttar